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SUBJECT: S/CT CRUMPTON MEETS RUSSIAN COUNTERPART TO EXTEND  
COUNTER-TERRORISM COOPERATION

Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor XXXXXXXXXXXX for reasons 1.4 b and d.

1. (S) Summary: In an amicable December 7 dinner meeting with Ambassador-at-Large Henry Crumpton, Russian Special Presidential Representative --Engaging the American and Russian business communities in CT efforts.  
--Expanding cooperation with scientific experts to include terrorist scenario modeling.  
--Continuing intelligence sharing, specifically with regard to Iran,s sponsorship of terrorism and the recent murder of Russian diplomats in Ir  
--Continuing efforts to formulate a standardized list of criteria for designating terrorist organizations.  
--Convening an experts, conference in May to discuss strategies to prevent terrorists from exploiting Islam and to explore the ideological thre  
--Publicizing bilateral cooperation by staging press conferences in each other,s respective country and touring the United States together at a

2. (S) In a December 7 dinner meeting with Ambassador-at-Large Henry Crumpton, Russian Special Presidential Representative Anatoliy Safonov we

3. (S) Safonov was particularly enthusiastic about Crumpton,s proposal that their respective governments cooperatively engage the private sect

4. (S) Safonov reiterated his belief that new perspectives and out-of-the-box thinking were critical to defeating terrorism and expressed his

5. (S) Also on the topic of taking advantage of academic perspectives, Ambassador Crumpton offered to "loan" XXXXXXXXXXXX to engage with Safor

6. (S) On Iraq, Crumpton stressed the paramount importance of preventing Al Qaida from establishing a safe operating haven in Iraq, which coul

7. (S) Crumpton asserted there was a pressing need for the G-8 to establish uniform criteria for designating terrorists and terrorist groups.

8. (S) Crumpton invited Russia to participate in a four-day experts, conference sponsored by the Marshall Center to discuss how terrorists exp

9. (S) Safonov enthusiastically agreed to and elaborated on Crumpton,s ideas for publicly highlighting U.S./Russia CT cooperation. Safonov acc

10. (S) In the course of their exchange, Safonov made the following passing statements:  
--Safonov claimed that Russian authorities in London had known about and followed individuals moving radioactive substances into the city but w  
--On Afghanistan, Safonov said that British and Canadian soldiers were well regarded, but Dutch soldiers were causing problems by posing "const  
--On Lebanon, Safonov judged that the situation was probably "not yet at the bottom" and so there may not yet be enough incentive to find a sol  
--In Iraq, coalition forces' failure to restore order reminded Safonov of an exchange he had with a freedom fighter just after Russian forces h

11. (U) This message has been cleared by Ambassador Crumpton. Please visit Paris' Classified Website at: <http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/paris>